

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A patch bag comprising a bag and a patch adhered thereto, the bag having a heat seal
capable of withstanding a temperature of at least 70°C for a period of at least 4 hours, the
5 patch being adhered to the bag with an adhesive capable of maintaining adhesion of the
patch to the bag at a temperature of at least 97°C for a period of at least 10 minutes.

2. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive is capable of
maintaining adhesion of the patch to the bag at a temperature of at least 97°C for a period of
10 at least 20 minutes.

3. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive is capable of
maintaining adhesion of the patch to the bag at a temperature of at least 97°C for a period of
at least 45 minutes.

4. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive comprises
polyurethane.

5. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the bag is made from a film having
20 a total free shrink of at least 10 percent at 185°F, and the patch is made from a heat-
shrinkable film having a total free shrink of at least 10 percent at 185°F.

6. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the bag has a seal layer comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyamide and polypropylene.

7. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the seal is through the bag and not
5 through the patch.

8. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the seal is through the bag and through the patch.

10 9. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the bag is an end-seal bag and the patch overhangs both side edges of the bag.

10. The patch bag according to Claim 9, wherein the seal is through the patch and the bag.

15 11. The patch bag according to Claim 9, wherein each lay-flat side of the side of the bag has a patch adhered thereto, with both patches overhanging both side edges of the bag, with overhanging portions of each of the patches being adhered to one another.

20 12. A patch bag comprising a bag having a patch adhered thereto, the bag having a heat seal capable of withstanding a temperature of at least 70°C for a period of at least 4 hours, the patch being adhered to the bag with an adhesive capable of maintaining adhesion of the patch to the bag at a temperature of at least 60°C for a period of at least 4 hours.

13. The patch bag according to Claim 12, wherein the adhesive is capable of maintaining adhesion of the patch to the bag at a temperature of 60°C for a period of at least 7 hours.

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14. The patch bag according to Claim 12, wherein the adhesive is capable of maintaining adhesion of the patch to the bag at a temperature of 60°C for a period of at least 10 hours.

10 15. The patch bag according to Claim 12, wherein the adhesive comprises polyurethane.

15 16. The patch bag according to Claim 12, wherein the bag is made from a film having a total free shrink of at least 10 percent at 185°F, and the patch is made from a heat-shrinkable film having a total free shrink of at least 10 percent at 185°F.

17. The patch bag according to Claim 12, wherein the bag has a seal layer comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyamide and polypropylene.

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18. A process for preparing a cooked bone-in meat product, comprising:

(A) placing an uncooked, bone-in meat product into a patch bag having a patch adhered to a bag with a urethane-based adhesive;

- (B) evacuating the atmosphere from within the bag;
 - (C) sealing the bag shut so that the product is enveloped by the patch bag;
 - (D) shrinking the bag;
 - (E) cooking the product while the product is within the patch bag, the cooking being
- 5 carried out at a temperature of at least 70°C for a period of at least 4 hours.

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